

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

DATE: 7/16/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-693

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Mr. James William "Bill" Starr
Address: 15045 River Road, Hahnville, LA 70057
Alt. Address: 107 Braden Drive, Luling, LA 70070
Office/Position: Citizen's Property Insurance Corporation
of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 15
Years Covered: 2009-2020
Final Report: No

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD19008005
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019
Initial PFD Filed on: 5/24/2019
NOD-amend Received: 11/16/2020
NOD-amend Signed by: Brian Fabre
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 11/25/2020
Amendment/Answer Filed: 12/8/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$650
Days late from receipt of NOD: 13
Total days late from initial due date: 573
Late Fee Order Received: 4/29/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/19/2021
Waiver Request Received: 7/7/2021 & failed attempt on 5/7/2021

COMMENTS:

J. Williams Starr stated during the time period his delinquency notice was issued, he was retiring from the District Attorney's office. When the Governor was reelected his appointment ended. When no one else sought his position on the board, he was reappointed. Since serving on the board, his financial circumstances have not changed except for a reduction in his pay. He has enjoyed serving on the board and would never do anything to compromise the board integrity. Mr. Starr stated this fine comes at a time when the Covid-19 Pandemic has seriously affected his civil practice. Also, he just paid for his son's last semester at UNO and is making payments on various items for his daughter's upcoming wedding. Mr. Starr asks the Ethics Board to extend him the courtesy by waiving his fine.

*Mr. Starr's attempted to submit his Waiver Request via email to Ashley Wimberly on 5/7/2021. Mr. Starr contacted Ms. Wimberley on 7/7/2021, inquiring about the waiver and was informed she had not received it. After verifying his email account's sent items, he realized he misspelled her last name and resubmit his request on 7/7/2021.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: Yes. 2011 \$350 - \$250

Suspended - \$100 Paid

- Reassessed Late Fees: ~~No~~ Yes

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

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CELL 504-220-2039
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May 7, 2021

Board Of Ethics
Attention Ashley Wimberly

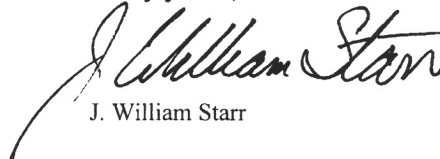
Report PFD19008005
Request for Waiver

Dear Board Members,

I am requesting a waiver in this matter for the following reasons. During the time period in question I was retiring from the District Attorney's office. I had determined I was going to return at the lower pay (warrant only), but I went through four months of uncertainty around the retirement. When the Governor was reelected my appointment was ended. I was reappointed improperly and the process had to be redone. When no one else sought the position I was eventually reappointed. I have served on the Board beginning around 2009. My financial circumstances have never changed except the reduction of my pay to a warrant.

I have enjoyed working on the Board and would never do anything to compromise the Board. This assessment comes at a time when Covid has seriously affected my civil practice. I've just paid for my son's last semester at UNO and am starting payments on various items for my daughter's upcoming wedding. Any courtesy you could afford me would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



J. William Starr

Ashley Wimberley

From: Bill Starr <jws@jwilliamstarr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 4:14 PM
To: Ashley Wimberley
Subject: Fw: Request for Waiver re Report PFD19008005
Attachments: letter to ethics board.pdf

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Ashley, here is the waiver request email. Bill Starr

From: Bill Starr
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 9:43 PM
To: ashley.wimberly@LA.Gov <ashley.wimberly@LA.Gov>
Subject: Request for Waiver re Report PFD19008005

Ashley, attached is my request. Bill Starr



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August 4, 2021

Louisiana Board Of Ethics
Attention: Ashley Wimberly
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

RE: Report PFD19008005

Dear Board Members,


I am writing to you regarding J. William "Bill" Starr, one of my Assistant District Attorneys and a member of the Louisiana Citizen's Insurance Board. When I began my first term as the District Attorney for St. Charles Parish in 2012, Bill had already served three years as a member of their Board and has been on the Board ever since.

Bill has continuously, tirelessly and without compensation served on the Louisiana Citizen's Insurance Board for 12 years. Just the hours he and the entire Board spent resolving the issues surrounding Hurricane Katrina involved a tremendous amount of his time.

Given his service and dedication, I would ask for the Louisiana Board of Ethics' consideration in waiving any penalties he is facing regarding the late filing of his annual reports.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,


Joel Chaisson
District Attorney

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May 7, 2021

Board Of Ethics
Attention Ashley Wimberly

Report PFD19008005
Request for Waiver

Dear Board Members,

I am requesting a waiver in this matter for the following reasons. I have been an assistant District Attorney for over thirty two years. During that time I have specialized in the prosecution of DWI and Vehicular Homicide. I have drafted and helped pass legislation during my time in Jefferson Parish and worked with Senator Chaisson (now District Attorney Chaisson) on legislation while in St. Charles Parish. I volunteered to monitor the Drug Recognition Expert course taught by the State Police, and I am scheduled to speak at the National DRE conference in August. I have received no extra compensation other than my District Attorney's pay which is now limited to a warrant for any of the extra activities I have pursued with regards to legislation and my support of the DRE program.

I have served on the Citizen's Board since August of 2009. At that time the meetings were four and five hours while dealing with the Katrina .

I have never run for public office or made major donations to any campaign.

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At 66 years of age I don't plan on running for any office.

I have gone above and beyond in my public service to the State of Louisiana on the Citizen's Board for 13 years without ever being paid. Given my service to this State in regards to law enforcement and on the Citizen's Board I would ask you to consider waiving the penalties for my late filing of annual documents which have now all been filed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. William Starr".

J. William Starr

Ashley Wimberley

From: Bill Starr <jws@jwilliamstarr.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 9:29 AM
To: Ashley Wimberley
Subject: Fw: BOARD OF ETHICS LETTER william starr
Attachments: 20210804_091755.pdf

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Ashley, received letter yesterday. here is a letter from Mr. Chaisson. Bill 504 220 2039

From: Lynda Troxler <ltroxler@stcharlesgov.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 9:32 AM
To: Bill Starr <jws@jwilliamstarr.com>
Subject: BOARD OF ETHICS LETTER

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